

**Please enter the following amended claim:**

1. (Amended) An isolated or synthetic polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence of a mutant Bcl-X<sub>L</sub>/Bcl-2 Associated Cell Death Regulator polypeptide (BAD), or fragment of said isolated or synthetic polypeptide comprising a less than full-length amino acid sequence of said mutant BAD, wherein:

- a) said isolated or synthetic polypeptide, or said fragment, is at least 95% homologous to SEQ ID NO:1;
- b) said amino acid sequence of said isolated or synthetic polypeptide, or said amino acid sequence of said fragment, does not have a serine at a position corresponding to position 118 of SEQ ID NO:1, said position in said amino acid sequence of said isolated or synthetic polypeptide, or said position in said amino acid sequence of said fragment, being identified by alignment of said amino acid sequence of said isolated or synthetic polypeptide, or said amino acid sequence of said fragment, to the BH3 domain of SEQ ID NO:1; and
- c) said isolated or synthetic polypeptide, or said fragment, has cell death promoting activity.